GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:51
ANSWERED ON:06.02.2017
Renovation of Temples under Swadesh Darshan Scheme
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made budgetary allocation under the Swadesh Darshan and Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive yojana for various schemes including declaring the ancient sites and temples located along with undertaking renovation;
(b) if so, the details of the funds sanctioned and utilised during the last three years and the current year; and
(c) the time by which the renovation work of ancient sites and temples identified including Kanpur Nagar and Kanpur Dehat of Uttar Pradesh is likely to be completed including the progress made in renovation work so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.+*51 ANSWERED ON 06.02.2017 REGARDING RENOVATION OF TEMPLES UNDER SWADESH DARSHAN SCHEME.

(a) and (b): For development of tourism infrastructure in the country, the Ministry of Tourism has launched two schemes in 2014-15 i.e. Swadesh Darshan - Integrated Development of Theme-Based Tourist Circuits and PRASAD- Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive.

Under Swadesh Darshan scheme thirteen thematic circuits have been identified for development namely; North-East India Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Himalayan Circuit, Coastal Circuit, Krishna Circuit, Desert Circuit, Tribal Circuit, Eco Circuit, Wildlife Circuit, Rural Circuit, Spiritual Circuit, Ramayana Circuit and Heritage Circuit.

Under PRASAD scheme, 25 sites of religious significance have been identified for development namely Amaravati (Andhra Pradesh), Amritsar (Punjab), Ajmer (Rajasthan), Ayodhya (Uttar Pradesh), Badrinath (Uttarakhand), Belur (West Bengal), Dwarka (Gujarat), Deoghar (Jharkhand), Gaya (Bihar), Guruvayoor (Kerala), Hazratbal (Jammu & Kashmir), Kamakhya (Assam), Kanchipuram (Tamil Nadu), Katra (Jammu & Kashmir), Kedarnath (Uttarakhand), Mathura (Uttar Pradesh), Omkareshwar (Madhya Pradesh), Patna (Bihar), Puri (Odisha), Somnath (Gujarat), Srisailam (Andhra Pradesh), Tirupati (Andhra Pradesh), Trimbakeshwar (Maharashtra), Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh) and Vellankani (Tamil Nadu).

The scheme-wise details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred during the last three years are as under:
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Swadesh Darshan Scheme: (Rs. in Crore)
Sr. No. Year Budget Allocated Expenditure Incurred
1 2014-15 20.00 20.00
2 2015-16 310.00 309.55
3 2016-17 972.40 701.09*
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PRASAD: (Rs. in Crore)
Sr. No. Year Budget Allocated Expenditure Incurred
1 2014-15 15.60 15.60
2 2015-16 40.00 40.00
3 2016-17 100.00 59.91*
* As on 31st December 2016
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(c): The Ministry has sanctioned the project 'Development of Spiritual Circuit −II (Bijnor- Meerut- Kanpur- Kanpur Dehat- Banda- Ghazipur- Salempur- Ghosi - Balia- Ambedkar Nagar- Aligarh- Fatehpur - Deoria - Mahoba - Sonbhadra- Chandauli- Mishrikh- Bhadohi)' in Uttar Pradesh under Swadesh Darshan Scheme for Rs.62.96 crore in December 2016 with the time-line of 36 months for completion. Development of Valmiki Ashram, Luv Kush Ashram, Anandeshwar Mandir Parmat and Tulsi Upvan are sanctioned at

Kanpur Dehat and Kanpur under the above project for Rs.6.05 crores.

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